(*c*) whether Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield are purchasers of timber from the Quilon Divisional Forest Officer;

(*d*) whether the said lorry is used for transporting fire-wood from the forest areas under his jurisdiction; and

(*e*) whether the Divisional Forest Officer is negotiating for the purchase of more lorries from Messrs. Stanes & Co, and other firms?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes; they are purchasers of Government timber.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Value of Motor Vehicles and accessories imported and petrol consumed.

200. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the value of motor vehicles and their accessories imported into, and the value of petrol consumed in, Travancore from the 1st Chingom to the 1st Dhanu of the current year (1105)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The value of motor vehicles and accessories imported into Travancore is Bh. Rs. 3,37,051. No information is available regarding the value of petrol consumed during the period. The value of petrol imported during the period is Bh. Rs. 5,54,144.

Filling up of permanent vacancies of Magistrates.

201. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the permanent vacancies of Magistrates which are not yet (18-5-1105) permanently filled up as well as the duration of each of them?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not filling these permanent vacancies permanently?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The list* required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) Magistrates have been appointed in all these vacancies. The question of filling up the vacancies permanently is under consideration.

Statement of Munsiffs recruited from the Bar.

202. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Munsiffs recruited from the Bar during the five years ending Vrischikam 1105?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement † containing the information called for is laid on the table.

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* *Vide* Appendix XVIII—Page 584. † *Vide* Appendix XIX—Page 585.

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MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): ഈഴവസമുദായത്തിൽനിന്ന ഒ കൊല്ലകാലത്തേക്ക ഒരാളിനേയും മൻസിഫ്ായിട്ട നിയമിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്ന കാണന്ന. അത് ഈ സമുദായത്തിൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ള ആളുകൾ അപേക്ഷകന്മാരായില്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണൊ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

Illicit distillation and smuggling detected by the special parties of the Excise Department.

203. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of offences of illicit distillation and smuggling detected by the special parties of the Excise Department during the years 1103 and 1104;

(*b*) the number which ended in conviction; and

(*c*) the grade of officers constituting a special party?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 15 in 1104 and 10 in 1103.

(*b*) 11 in 1104 and 9 in 1103.

(*c*) Sub-Inspectors, Petty Officers and Peons.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know what is the special advantage derived by the Excise Department by deputing special parties for the detection of offences?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Then the matter would receive more intensive attention. If a Range Officer is asked to do the work, he may not be able to devote that amount of attention which a special party would be able to do.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether it is on account of the laxity in the work of these Range Officers that special parties are deputed to do the work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No. It is to secure increased efficiency in the same work.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know from where these special parties are recruited?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They are selected from the ranks of the Department.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Are they selected from the ranks of the Department or from the Reserve Force which the Department has got?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to answer that question definitely just now.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the number of parties deputed for the detection of offences in the years 1103 and 1104?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

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Appendix XIX.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 202.**

Statement, by caste, of Munsiffs recruited from the Bar during the five years ending Vrischikom 1105.

Hindus.											Musalmans.	Christians.						Others.
Brahmins (Malayala).	Brahmins (others).	Ezhavas.	Kammalas.	Kshattriyas (Malayala).	Nadars.	Nayar.	Pulayas.	Vellalas.	Other depressed classes.	Other Hindus.		Protestants.	Roman Catholics.		Syrians.			
													Latin rite.	Syriac rite.	Jacobite.	Mar Thoma.		
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